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*William M. Anderson Center
University of Mary Washington
Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*Friday, the Eleventh of May
Two Thousand and Twelve*

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A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT HURLEY



Dear UMW Graduates,

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate you for the remarkable achievement that you celebrate today. Earning a master's degree is a noteworthy accomplishment that signifies your professional commitment and distinguishes you within your chosen field.

You have tackled the challenge of rigorous and stimulating course work, experienced one-on-one interaction with exceptional faculty members, and engaged in cutting-edge research or innovative project development. Among the outstanding individuals processing today are current and future leaders who will make their mark in the essential professions of business, public service, and education.

While you are a highly diverse graduating class, the universal bond shared by all of you is something unique and special – the University of Mary Washington experience. It is the sum total of the lessons you have learned here and the relationships you have forged with faculty and fellow students. This experience gives you an edge that will serve you well for the rest of your life. As a proud graduate with an advanced degree from UMW, you will find that you are prepared for a meaningful career and a life of significance.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as president of this great university. On behalf of the entire Mary Washington community, I congratulate you for reaching this impressive milestone, and I wish you every success in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

Richard V. Hurley
President

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

SHAWN BOYER



Shawn Boyer is founder and CEO of Snagajob, the nation's largest hourly employment network. Based in Richmond, Va., the network is powered by more than 30 million registered job seekers and the leading talent management system for hourly employers. Boyer's insights on the hourly workforce have appeared in news outlets such as *The Wall Street Journal*, *USA Today*, *Good Morning America*, CNN, and in daily newspapers throughout the nation. He also has written *Help Wanted & Help Found: The insiders' guide to recruiting & hiring hourly workers*, an instructional book on the best strategies for hiring hourly workers.

In 2008, the U.S. Small Business Administration presented Boyer its top award: National Small Business Person of the Year. President George W. Bush publicly recognized Boyer for successfully creating a system for securing jobs for hourly workers. Snagajob recently capped off four straight years of being recognized as a Top-10 Best Small Company to Work for in America. Snagajob, which has demonstrated its commitment to its employees and its community, was named the No. 1 company by the Great Place to Work Institute and *Entrepreneur* magazine.

Prior to founding Snagajob in 1999, Boyer was a transactional attorney with the law firm of Brown & Wood LLP. He is a graduate of The College of William and Mary and the Washington & Lee School of Law, and he received a master of laws in taxation from Georgetown University Law Center. He serves on the boards of several nonprofit organizations, including The Richmond Forum, Sports Backers, Comfort Zone Camp, Greater Richmond Chamber of Commerce, and the George C. Marshall Foundation. Boyer and his wife have three young children.

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

President Richard V. Hurley, Presiding

Friday Evening, Seven Thirty O'Clock, William M. Anderson Center



Music provided by the University of Mary Washington Faculty Brass Quintet.

PROLOGUE

<i>Broadway One-Step</i>	King, arr. Clark
<i>Contrapunctus IX</i> , BWV 1080	Bach, arr. Fote
<i>Canzona per sonare No. 1 "La Spiritata"</i>	Gabrieli, ed. King
<i>Second Suite in F for Military Band</i>	Holst, arr. Sabourin
I. March	
<i>Festivo for Brass Quintet</i>	Curnow

PROCESSIONAL

<i>Grand March from Aida</i>	Verdi, arr. Barnes
<i>Alma Mater – High on Marye's Hilltop</i>	Crotty/Taylor
Arranged for Brass Quintet by David J. Long, UMW Composer-in-Residence	

ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Master's Degrees	
The Candidates for Master's Degrees	
The Grand Marshal	
The Members of the Faculty and Administration	
The Eagle Pipe Band	
The President of the Alumni Association	
The Visitors of the University	
The Rector of the Board of Visitors	
The Commencement Speaker	
The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences	
The Dean of the College of Business	
The Dean of the College of Education	
The Interim Provost	
The President of the University	

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Catherine Schlupp '13

WELCOME Ian D. C. Newbould
Interim Provost

GREETINGS Daniel K. Steen '84
Rector, Board of Visitors

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT Interim Provost Newbould

INTRODUCTION OF SPEAKER Richard V. Hurley
President

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS Shawn Boyer
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Snagajob

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Presentation of the Candidates for Master's Degrees..... Lynne D. Richardson
Dean, College of Business

Mary Gendernalik-Cooper
Dean, College of Education

Conferring of the Degrees President Hurley
Awarding of the Diplomas

SALUTATION..... Derek M. Bottcher '96
President, Alumni Association

ALMA MATER..... Erin C. Taylor '16

RECESSIONAL

Trumpet Voluntary..... Stanley, arr. Barnes

POSTLUDE

Promenade from Pictures at an Exhibition..... Mussorgsky, arr. Holcombe

Rondeau..... Moret, arr. Holcombe

Stars and Stripes Forever..... Sousa, arr. Holcombe



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as of April 16, 2012



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Christina Maria Lloyd.....	Arlington, Virginia
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KAPPA DELTA PI



An international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects those to membership who exhibit outstanding scholarship and a commitment to the teaching profession and to excellence in education. The University of Mary Washington chapter, Nu Xi, was chartered in 1975. These members may choose to wear purple and green honor cords.

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Charlene Gray
Alexandra Jaffee
Christina Maria Lloyd
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OMICRON-PSI



Established in 1993 to recognize the community and professional contributions of adults who achieve academic excellence, Omicron-Psi requires that members be at least 24 years old; have a minimum cumulative grade-point average of 3.8; currently participate in three community/professional activities of which one must be a professional organization and one must be a community organization; maintain the principles of duty, honor, and service; and maintain and demonstrate high ethical standards in all aspects of life.

Celina C. Falck-Cook
Lisa Ann Peacock

William Nelson Robinson, Jr.

GRADUATE EXCELLENCE AWARD



EDUCATION

Barbara Bishop Mann '66 Virginia Educator Award
Mairin Elspeth Martin

ACADEMIC CUSTOMS AND DRESS



The origins of many customs of the academic world can be traced to the Middle Ages, particularly the 11th and 12th centuries when the first European universities – Bologna, Paris, and Oxford – were founded.

In their original organization, the universities were like medieval corporations or guilds. In fact, the word “universitas” originally referred to any kind of corporation. The students at the universities were equated to guild apprentices, and so the completion of the apprenticeship was celebrated by a “commencement” marking the beginning of their careers.

In the 12th century, everyone wore gowns. The social and economic status of an individual was shown by the extra features, such as fur trimming, on the gowns. Cloaks with hoods were worn over gowns for protection in bad weather. Degrees began to be awarded in the 13th century, and different styles of gowns and different colors came to represent the various degrees and disciplines.

Over the centuries the styles of dress changed, and by the 17th century the wearing of gowns by men had virtually ceased. But the universities, particularly those in Britain, continued to be conservative and strict in the manner of academic customs and dress. At Oxford, for instance, candidates for master’s degrees had to swear that they owned a gown and would always wear it at the proper times.

The first American universities were founded on English models. However, the wearing of academic dress was not universal and ceased during the Civil War. The custom was revived in the late 19th century, and in 1895 an academic custom code was adopted that, with modifications, is still used.

Most American universities have the standard black gown with the hood serving to distinguish the individual institution. Some American and European universities have adopted or preserved more distinctive gowns. There are three styles of gowns, distinguished mainly by the sleeves: the bachelor’s gown, with long pointed sleeves; the master’s, with a squared sleeve, cut so the forearm is free; and the doctoral gown, with bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bands.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of modern gowns, indicating the degree (the width of the edging band), the discipline (the color of the band), and the college or university (the colors of the lining). Today’s graduates have hoods edged in drab (MBA) or light blue (M.Ed., M.S.). Many faculty members will have blue edging indicating the doctoral degree. The faculty will be wearing hoods representing many distinguished institutions of higher education, such as maroon for University of Chicago, red and gold for the University of Manchester, crimson and gray for the University of Alabama, and green and gold for Wayne State University.

THE ACADEMIC MACE



The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a symbol of the authority of the president or rector of a university. Noblemen carried the battle mace as both a weapon and staff of command, and the sovereign used the regal scepter as a sign of rulership, justice, and authority.

Together with the chain of office, the academic mace indicates that the president of the university is the temporary embodiment of the power, authority, autonomy, and sovereignty vested in the institution represented.

At the University of Mary Washington, the grand marshal carries the academic mace on behalf of the president at academic events such as Commencement exercises, inaugurations, and convocations.

The original University of Mary Washington mace, first used for the May 1970 Commencement, was designed by Asprey and Company of London, England. The sterling mace carried in today's Commencement ceremony was commissioned as a special project of the University Centennial Celebration in 2008. It was designed by Suzannah Wagner Merritt of Ashland, Va. The new mace encompasses numerous symbols of the University, including lapis stones to display the school color; blossoms of dogwood to honor the Virginia state tree; acorns and oak leaves to recall the historic tree at Brompton, home of the UMW President; and a herringbone motif representing Campus Walk. The six prongs are engraved with the six names of the school prior to its becoming a university in 2004; the prongs are adorned with a lapis disc engraved with the University seal. The handle is emblematic of the original Mary Washington mace.

THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



In addition to a book and lamp, signifying knowledge, the University seal denotes the year the institution was founded, 1908, as well as the University motto, *Pro Deo Domo Patria*, translated from Latin to "For God, home, and country."



PRESIDENTIAL COLLAR



Chains of office, also known as collars, originated in the Middle Ages and are worn today by presidents on ceremonial occasions as part of their regalia. The University of Mary Washington chain is a unique design crafted from gold-plated sterling silver with lapis lazuli gem accents. Symbols important to the history of the University are incorporated in every element of the chain. A large medallion depicting the school seal is flanked by white oak leaves modeled after the stately oak tree at Brompton, home of the president. The names of the previous presidents of this institution alternate with its six historical names on links that are connected with blossoms of dogwood, the Virginia state tree. The chain was unveiled during Commencement 2006 and, by tradition, is presented to each new president to wear during ceremonial occasions.

THE EAGLE PIPE BAND



As has become tradition, the Eagle Pipe Band will perform at tonight's Commencement ceremony. The band was formed in 1997 with a small number of Mary Washington students and members of the Fredericksburg community. It has grown steadily each year, adding pipers, drummers, and dancers. The band has been a top contender in pipe band competitions across the East Coast last year, winning first place at the Celtic Festival of Southern Maryland and at the Meadows Highland Games and Celtic Festival in Doswell, Va., second place at the Colonial Highland Gathering in Maryland and at the Williamsburg Scottish Festival, and third place at the Virginia Scottish Games and at the Rockland County Feis Games in New York.

The Eagle Pipe Band was founded by Dr. Raymond B. Scott, University of Mary Washington Professor of Chemistry, and is under his direction. The tartan worn by the musicians was designed by the University to match the school colors and is registered in Scotland's official registry of tartans.

NOTATIONS



Alma Mater

All hail, dear Alma Mater,
We sing our praise to you.
High on Marye's Hilltop
You stand forever true;
Born in truth and honor
You ever more shall be,
The model of our future years
And all eternity.

Whene'er we have to leave you
We never will forget,
The lessons you have taught us,
And all the friends we've met;
And we your sons and daughters
Will hold your name on high,
So here's to Mary Washington;
Our love will never die.

– Irene Taylor '47
– Jean Crotty '47

